

# **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kyocera San Diego Day**

**Presented by Councilmember Chris Cate**

**May 2, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, In 1959 at the age of 27, Kazuo Inamori founded Kyocera, a company specializing in the production of fine ceramic components effectively developing and applying its ceramic technologies. The company is now a world-leading manufacturer of ceramics, including custom parts and consumer products; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, In 1964, IBM revolutionized the computing world with its System/360 concept – the first mainframe computer with an upgradeable platform - using standardized software and interchangeable peripheral equipment. The concept nearly failed, but for Kazuo Inamori's help; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Kyocera's success in producing 25 million substrates for IBM attracted the attention of other technology giants and helped ensure the computing revolution that followed. In recent years, the IBM System/360 has been featured on the TV series Mad Men and is now on exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC all due to the efforts of Kazuo Inamori; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, In the late 1960s, Fairchild Semiconductor proposed a more advanced ceramic semiconductor package to enable more highly integrated circuits, but encountered difficulty producing ceramic. Kyocera developed a solution based on multilayered ceramic sheets, winning a supply agreement and an offer to acquire Fairchild's struggling San Diego plant in 1971; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, These are just two examples in a long series of technology breakthroughs that have been supported by Kyocera's ceramics. Others include the Apollo 11 moon landing, the first microprocessor, fiber-optic networks broadband internet, medical diagnostic imaging, mobile gene sequencing, the International Space Station, and the Mars Rovers; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Diego proudly applauds Kyocera for employing more than 600 people in San Diego County and are happy to celebrate Kyocera's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim May 2, 2021 to be the "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kyocera San Diego Day" in the City of San Diego.